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- 308 Division. On 26 November 1951 the 308 Division suddenly retraced its steps and went north in order to receive the most recent shipment of Chinese Communist military aid.
 - The 88 Regiment, proceeding towards Bac Kan, was at Phuc Triu, 10 kilometers south of Thai Nguyen, on 28 November.
 - The 36 Regiment went through Thai Binh, Phu Tho Province, on 26 November and on 28 November was at Phu Binh, (105-56, 21-28), near Phuc Yen.
 - c. The 102 Regiment has been at Son Duong, Tuyen Quang Province, since 25 November.
- 312 Division. As of 26 November elements of all regiments of the 312 Division were disposed along the Cai River west of Tu Vu (105-17, 21-00). The 564 Battalion, 165 Regiment, and the 18 Battalion, 141 Regiment, have gone south to join the 320 Division in the Cao Phong mountain region.
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- The 48 Regiment was at Cao Phong mountain on 26 November.
- The 64 Regiment went to Bai Che, on the Boi River 20 kilometers south of Cho Ben, following engagements with French forces west of Cho Ben.
- c. The 52 Regiment was at Phuc Luong.

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- 4. French military intelligence units are extremely active in the Thanh Hoa-Nghe An area. The Democratic Republic of Vietnam fears that a French offensive will be launched in this area in order to remove DRV pressure from the Hoa Binh salient.
- 5. New French forts now under construction in the Delta area will force the DRV military command to revise their tactics in view of their continuing lack of heavy artillery.

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